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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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**Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
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The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

John A. McGowan
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

Review by the DD/I, OTR and CA Staff of the attached proposed legislation for the establishment of a Citizens' Council for the spread of freedom has indicated some opposition to the proposal. However, since it is one which will operate outside Government channels, I do not recommend we take exception other than noting that authority in such a Council to demand and receive information from this Agency could raise serious security objections.

Formal Bureau of the Budget approval has been given.

S/
Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

19 July 1962
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